

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Carson A. McWilliams, Division Director**  
**Offender Operations Division**



Carson A. McWilliams has over 36 years of experience in the field of corrections and is currently serving as the Division Director for the Division of Offender Operations.

Mr. McWilliams began his career with the Department of Corrections in 1978 as a Correctional Service Officer at Arizona State Prison Florence, Central Unit. He promoted to Correctional Programs Officer in 1979 and assisted in opening two new units at the Florence Complex. In 1988, he accepted a promotion as a Parole Officer in Tucson and within six months lateraled to the Correctional Program Supervisor at the Catalina Mountain Juvenile Facility supervising institutional staff and the parole staff for high profile gang involved youth. In the spring of 1993, he transferred to the Fort Grant Unit at the Arizona State Prison Complex – Safford as a Correctional Program Supervisor.

In 1994, Mr. McWilliams left the agency and returned to his home state of Indiana to assist his mother. He returned to Arizona in 1996 and reinstated with the Department of Corrections as a Classification Specialist at the state prison in Douglas, AZ. In 1997, he returned to the Florence Complex and promoted to a Correctional Officer IV.

In 2001, Mr. McWilliams was appointed to an Associate Deputy Warden within the Contract Beds Bureau. In 2002, he was appointed as a Deputy Warden and worked at multiple units within the Eyman and Florence Prisons.

Mr. McWilliams was recognized for his leadership and broad correctional experience and was appointed as the Warden of Florence State Prison in 2006.

In 2011, Mr. McWilliams was appointed as Northern Region Operations Director and over the course of three years he served as the Southern Region Operations Director, Interim Deputy Director and Interim Division Director of Offender Operations. In July 2014, he was officially appointed as the Division Director.

Mr. McWilliams brings diversity and a depth of managerial and leadership experience to include a wide range of correctional issues, environments, and custody levels.

Mr. McWilliams has been a member of the American Correctional Association and the Arizona Probation, Parole and Corrections Association since 1980. He was recognized for involvement in the community and was appointed as a member of the Pinal County Advisory Board in 2007. Over the past two years Mr. McWilliams has received state recognition for his volunteer work in Pinal County.

Mr. McWilliams holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Indiana State University.